



## Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 692**

February Session, 2008

Substitute Senate Bill No. 24

*Senate, April 21, 2008*

The Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding reported through SEN. DAILY of the 33rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

### **AN ACT CONCERNING A STATE PARKS AND FORESTS STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1      Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) The Commissioner of  
2      Environmental Protection shall establish and maintain a state parks  
3      and forests stewardship program to provide for proper management  
4      of the state parks and forests and to allow appropriate repair,  
5      maintenance or improvement to any building, facility or structure that  
6      provides or enhances public access to, or enjoyment of, the state parks  
7      and forests. Any funds provided for this program shall be used for the  
8      purpose of capital improvements to buildings, facilities, and structures  
9      and any related infrastructure.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
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**FIN**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

Section 2(d) of sSB 27, "AA Authorizing Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements and Other Purposes," contains a \$15.0 million GO bond authorization for this program.

Also, sHB 5021, the budget bill as favorably reported by the Appropriations Committee, includes \$4.5 million for DEP in FY 09 for various purposes.

**The Out Years**

None

**OLR Bill Analysis****sSB 24*****AN ACT CONCERNING A STATE PARKS AND FORESTS STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the environmental protection commissioner to establish and maintain a state parks and forest stewardship program. The program must (1) provide for proper management of state parks and forests and (2) allow for the repair, maintenance, or improvement to any building, facility, or other structure that allows or enhances public access to, or enjoyment of, these parks and forests.

Under the bill, any funds provided for the program must fund capital improvements to buildings, facilities, and structures, and any related infrastructure.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2008

**BACKGROUND*****Legislative History***

The Senate referred the bill to the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee (File 11), which eliminating a provision authorizing the bonding of \$15 million to implement the state parks and stewardship program.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 28 Nay 0 (02/29/2008)

Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea     50     Nay   0     (04/09/2008)